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From

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To

The Chief Secretaries to all Provincial Governments

The Chief Commissioner, Delhi.
" " " , Ajmer-Merwara.
" " " HimachalPradesh.
" " " Coorg.
" " " Cutch.

Subject:- Permit System.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith for information two copies of a Press Communique on the working of the permit system and to request you kindly to give it wide publicity through the Press.

Yours faithfully

Sd/- M.L.Puri.

Assistant Secretary to the
Government of India.

(1) Copy with a copy of the Press Communique forwarded t the Ministry of States (with 25 spare copies) with a request that the States authorities concerned may kindly be requested to note and give wide publicity the contents of the Press Communique.

(2) Copy with 25 copies of the Press Communique to the Ministry of L.A &C.R for information. It is request that all parties concerned (including foreign Embas etc) may please be requested to note the contents of the communique.

(3) Copy with a copy of the Press Communique to all other Ministries for information.

(4)Copy with a copy of the Press Communique to the High Commissioner for India in Pakistan Karachi Deput High Commissioner Lahore
(with 10 spare sopices) for information.)
Arrangements may kindly be made to give the Press Communique the desired publicity in Pakistan through the Press.

(5) Copy with a copy of the Press Communique to D.I.B.((Ministry of Home Affairs) for information.

Sd/- xxxxxx,
Assistant Secretary to the
Government of India.

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MINISTRY OF RELIEF & REHABILITATION.
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PRESS COMMUNIQUE

Despite the issue of the various press notes explaining the working of the permit system a large number of applicatio are being received by the Ministry of Relief and Rehabilitati every day from the general Public making enquiries in this connection. As it is difficult to reply to such applications individually, the correct procedure is once again notified for the information of all concerned.

I. Permit system is in force only for journeys between India and Western Pakistan.

II. Indian nationals who want to go to Pakistan should apply for necessary permit to the High Commissioner fo Pakistan in India, New Delhi, Deputy High Commissioner for Pakistan in India, Jullundur or to the permit Officer of the Pakistan Government, Bombay. Any other information in this connection should be obtained from these officials.

III. Permits for entry into India from Western Pakistan are of 4 types:-

(i) permits for temporary visits: These are granted by the High Commissioner, Karachi/Deputy High Commissioner, Lahore on application in person by the prospective visitors.

(ii) Permits for re-settlement or permanent return: These permits are granted by the High Commissioner /Deputy High Commissioner only after personal scrutiny of the application and after a reference to the State or the Provinc where the applicant intends to reside

(iii) Permanent permits: Government officers and business men, who have frequently to travel between the two dominions on duty or on business, are given permanent permit: signed by our High Commissioner/Deputy High Commissioner.

(iv) Permits for return to India: These permits are granted by our High Commissioner/Deputy High Commissioner after hs is satisfied that the applicant claiming to be domiciled in India is staying in Pakistan on a temporary visit or after a reference to the State/Province concerned. Indian nationals visiting Pakistan Temporarily are likely to be inconvenienced in obtaining permits for permanent return to India at the close of their temporary visits to Pakistan unless they take a certificate from the Deputy Commissioner/Collector of the district to which they belong, certifying theat the applicant is an Indian national and is going to Pakistan only temporarily. These certificates will cover persons going from India. If any members of the appli cant's family, now in Pakistan, are to return with the applic further certificate should be taken to the affect that such persons are Indian nationals, are not and have not been evacuees from India and there is not objection their return. The certifi cate must mention the names, ages, relationship identification makrs of the persons who are to return to India. The No Objection' certicicate should bear the photographs of the persons who go to Pakistan on short visit The photographs of the persons who go to Pakistan on short visitis. The photographs will be supplied by the applicants their own expense.

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IV Persons on temporary visits to India must return to Pakistan before the expiry of the period stated on their permits. Applications for extension of the period stated in the permit should be addressed to the Superintendents of Police of the districts visited by the permit holders, who have been authorised to grant an extension up to 20 days in really deserving cases Applications for any further extension should be addressed to the High Commissioner/Deputy High Commissioner, as the case may be.

V. Applications for permanent permits by persons who came to India on temporary permits before 10-9-1948 should be addressed to the High Commissioner/Deputy High Commissioner through the Collectors/Deputy Commissioner of the districts where the permit holders are staying.

VI. Applications for permanent permits by persons who came to India on temporary permits after 10-9-1948 will not be entertained.

VII. In no case the sanction to the required extension should be anticipated and arrangements should be made to return to Pakistan if no reply is received before the expiry of the period stated in the permit. Those overstaying will be liable to be prosecuted under the Ordinance and sent back to Pakistan.

VIII. All enquiries regarding the issue of permits should be addressed to the Provincial or State Authorities, concerned.